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By: **Harford County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Harford Community College - Baccalaureate Degree**  
3 **Pilot Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Harford Community College Baccalaureate  
5 Degree Pilot Program; providing for the primary mission and purpose of the  
6 Program; requiring Harford Community College to maintain the mission and  
7 programs of a Maryland community college including certain policies; requiring  
8 Harford Community College to maintain a distinction between its programs and  
9 degrees and those offered by participating colleges and universities at the  
10 Higher Education Applied Technology (HEAT) Center operated by the College;  
11 providing for the limits of the College's programs; providing for the offerings of  
12 the College's HEAT Center; requiring the College to maintain certain records in  
13 a certain manner; requiring the College to report the enrollment status of  
14 students in a certain manner; requiring the Board of Trustees of Harford  
15 Community College to seek certain accreditation for the Program; authorizing  
16 the College to offer certain baccalaureate degrees; authorizing the College to  
17 offer certain programs that lead to certain degrees; requiring the Board to select  
18 certain degree programs based on certain criteria; prohibiting the College from  
19 recruiting outside Harford County; requiring the Board to establish certain fees;  
20 requiring the funding for the College to be continued as the funding is  
21 determined by a certain formula; requiring a certain evaluation of the Program  
22 on a certain date that includes certain information; defining certain terms;  
23 providing for a delayed effective date; providing for the termination of this Act;  
24 and generally relating to the Harford Community College Baccalaureate Degree  
25 Pilot Program.

26 BY adding to  
27 Article - Education  
28 Section 16-701 through 16-709, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle  
29 7. Harford Community College Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program"  
30 Annotated Code of Maryland  
31 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

32 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
33 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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**Article - Education**

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**SUBTITLE 7. HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM.**

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4 16-701.

5 (A) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
6 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM IS BASED ON THE FINDINGS AND  
7 POLICIES IN THIS SECTION.

8 (B) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTENDS TO CREATE AN INNOVATIVE MEANS  
9 TO INCREASE ACCESS TO BACCALAUREATE DEGREE LEVEL EDUCATION IN AREAS  
10 THAT MEET THE GOALS OF THE STATE PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND FOR  
11 PERSONS WHOSE CIRCUMSTANCES RESTRICT THEIR ACCESS TO BACCALAUREATE  
12 DEGREE OPPORTUNITIES.

13 (C) THIS EDUCATION IS INTENDED TO ADDRESS THE STATE'S WORKFORCE  
14 NEEDS, ESPECIALLY FOR TECHNICIANS AND TECHNOLOGISTS IN BUSINESS,  
15 AGRICULTURE, HEALTH CARE, AND TEACHING.

16 (D) (1) THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THE HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
17 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY  
18 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE FOR STUDENTS AND THE  
19 STATE IN THE AREAS OF BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURE FOR TECHNICIANS AND  
20 TECHNOLOGISTS, HEALTH CARE, AND EDUCATION.

21 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
22 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC  
23 DEVELOPMENT BY PREPARING PEOPLE FOR CAREERS THAT REQUIRE A  
24 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AND ARE IN DEMAND BY EXISTING OR EMERGING PUBLIC  
25 AND PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN THIS STATE.

26 16-702.

27 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
28 INDICATED.

29 (B) "ARTSYS" MEANS A COMPUTERIZED DATA INFORMATION SYSTEM WHICH  
30 INFORMS STUDENTS AND ADVISORS AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE ABOUT THE  
31 TRANSFERABILITY OF EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSE BY INDICATING  
32 WHETHER THE COURSE IS TRANSFERABLE AND, IF SO, ALSO INDICATING THE  
33 4-YEAR INSTITUTION'S EQUIVALENT COURSE NUMBER.

34 (C) "BOARD OF TRUSTEES" MEANS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARFORD  
35 COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

36 (D) "COLLEGE" MEANS HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

1 (E) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION  
2 COMMISSION.

3 (F) "HEAT CENTER" MEANS THE HIGHER EDUCATION APPLIED TECHNOLOGY  
4 CENTER OF HARFORD COUNTY OPERATED BY THE COLLEGE.

5 (G) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
6 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM.

7 16-703.

8 (A) THERE IS A HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE  
9 PILOT PROGRAM.

10 (B) THE COLLEGE SHALL MAINTAIN THE MISSION AND POLICIES OF A  
11 MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, INCLUDING THE OPEN-DOOR ADMISSIONS  
12 POLICY AND THE AUTHORITY TO OFFER ALL PROGRAMS CONSISTENT WITH THE  
13 AUTHORITY OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

14 (C) (1) THE COLLEGE SHALL MAINTAIN A DISTINCTION BETWEEN ITS  
15 PROGRAMS AND DEGREES AND THOSE OFFERED BY PARTICIPATING COLLEGES AND  
16 UNIVERSITIES AT THE HEAT CENTER.

17 (2) THE COLLEGE IS LIMITED TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAMS AND  
18 TO SELECTED BACCALAUREATE DEGREE LEVEL PROGRAMS THAT MEET COMMUNITY  
19 AND BUSINESS NEEDS AND ARE AUTHORIZED AS PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION.

20 16-704.

21 (A) THE COLLEGE SHALL MAINTAIN SEPARATE RECORDS FOR STUDENTS WHO  
22 ARE ENROLLED IN COURSES CLASSIFIED IN THE UPPER DIVISION AND LOWER  
23 DIVISION OF A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM, ACCORDING TO THE ARTSYS  
24 SYSTEM.

25 (B) A STUDENT SHALL BE REPORTED AS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT  
26 FOR ENROLLMENT IN LOWER-DIVISION COURSES AND AS A BACCALAUREATE  
27 DEGREE PROGRAM STUDENT FOR ENROLLMENT IN UPPER-DIVISION COURSES.

28 16-705.

29 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL SEEK THE APPROPRIATE EXPANDED  
30 ACCREDITATION FROM THE MIDDLE STATE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND  
31 SCHOOLS FOR GRANTING LIMITED BACCALAUREATE DEGREES.

32 16-706.

33 (A) IN ADDITION TO THE CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS, AND DEGREES  
34 AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSION, THE COLLEGE MAY OFFER SELECTED  
35 BACCALAUREATE DEGREES.

36 (B) (1) THE COLLEGE MAY OFFER PROGRAMS THAT LEAD TO A:

1 (I) BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN FIELDS SELECTED  
2 BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES;

3 (II) BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY; AND

4 (III) BACHELOR OF TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES.

5 (2) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL BASE THE SELECTION OF  
6 PROGRAMS ON AN ANALYSIS OF WORKFORCE NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN  
7 HARFORD COUNTY AND THE STATE, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS OF BUSINESS AND  
8 AGRICULTURE FOR TECHNICIANS AND TECHNOLOGISTS, HEALTH CARE, AND  
9 EDUCATION.

10 16-707.

11 THE COLLEGE MAY NOT RECRUIT OUTSIDE OF HARFORD COUNTY FOR THE  
12 PILOT PROGRAM.

13 16-708.

14 (A) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL ESTABLISH THE LEVEL OF  
15 MATRICULATION, TUITION, AND OTHER AUTHORIZED STUDENT FEES FOR THE PILOT  
16 PROGRAM.

17 (B) STATE FUNDING FOR THE COLLEGE SHALL CONTINUE TO BE  
18 DETERMINED AS IT IS CALCULATED BY THE SENATOR JOHN A. CADE FUNDING  
19 FORMULA IN § 16-305 OF THIS TITLE.

20 16-709.

21 THE COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF THE  
22 PILOT PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AT THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2007. THE  
23 COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE PILOT PROGRAM  
24 HAS SUCCESSFULLY:

25 (1) INCREASED ACCESS TO BACCALAUREATE DEGREE LEVEL  
26 EDUCATION IN HARFORD COUNTY; AND

27 (2) ADDRESSED THE STATE'S WORKFORCE NEEDS, ESPECIALLY THE  
28 NEED FOR TECHNICIANS AND TECHNOLOGISTS IN BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURE,  
29 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND EDUCATORS.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 January 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and 6 months and, at  
32 the end of June 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
33 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.